

CLAIMS:

1. A tamper-evident closure (10) for a container (20), the closure comprising:

- a first portion (25) including inner (35) and outer (45) parts, and
- a second portion (30),

the outer part (45) is movable relative to the inner part (35) from a first position in which the outer part (45) is immediately adjacent the second portion (30) to a second position in which there is an unobstructed gap (G) therebetween, the inner (35) and outer (45) parts are adapted to become irreversibly locked in the second position so that the outer part (45) cannot be moved back to the first position to close the gap (G).

2. A closure (10) according to claim 1, wherein the second portion (30) is adapted to be connected to a container (20) and the first portion (25) comprises a cap.

3. A closure (10) according to claim 2, wherein the second portion (30) is permanently fixed in its position on the container.

4. A closure (110) according to any of claims 1 to 3, wherein the first portion (155a, 165) is adapted to engage an in-bore fitment (100) associated with the container.

5. A closure (10) according to any preceding claim, wherein the first portion (25) includes a ratchet arrangement (40, 49) for locking the inner (35) and outer parts (45) in the second position.

6. A closure (110) according to claim 5, wherein the first portion (155a, 165) includes engagement formations (169) and the ratchet arrangement (163, 170) is located above the formations (169).

7. A closure (10) according to any preceding claim, wherein the gap (G) is formed at the respective adjacent peripheries of the portions (25, 30).

8. A closure (110) according to any preceding claim, wherein the inner part (165) includes a part (171) which extends beyond the outer part (155a) towards the second portion (155b) in the second position, the part (171) is positioned so as to be visible through the gap (G1).

9. In combination a container (20) and a tamper-evident closure (10), the closure (10) comprising:

- a first portion (25) including inner (35) and outer (45) parts, and
- a second portion (30),

the second portion (30) is connected to the container (20) and the first portion (25) is a removable top cap, the first portion outer part (45) is movable relative to the inner part (35) from a first position in which the outer part (45) is immediately adjacent the

second portion (30) to a second position in which there is an empty, unobstructed gap (G) therebetween, thereafter the first portion (25) is removable and the inner (35) and outer (45) parts are adapted to become irreversibly locked in the second position so that the outer part (45) cannot be moved back to the first position to close the gap (G) when the first portion (25) is replaced.

10. A combination according to claim 9, wherein the combination further comprises an in-bore fitment (100) connectable to the container (120), the first portion (155a, 165) being adapted to engage the fitment (100).